AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES FY2010

Agribusiness, Food Science Program
Washington State Community College
710 Colegate Drive
Marietta, OH 45750
$37,500

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' dollars because it will allow students to enroll in a higher-education agricultural program and still have the ability to work on their family farm. Washington State Community College serves a rural, economically disadvantaged, agricultural region of Ohio. Washington County has 930 farms comprising 139,000 acres. Today, there are approximately 500 students enrolled in high school agriculture programs in the surrounding areas. But, when it comes time to go to college, students interested in studying Agribusiness must travel in excess of 100 miles. This is not an option for many students as they are needed on their family farm. The result of this is that many students opt to not further their education. Creation of an Agribusiness program at Washington State Community College will allow young farmers to remain in the community to work on their family farm and further their education.

Appalachian Community Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice and Health Services, Inc (ACVNAHHS) Telehealth Technology Program
Appalachian Community Visiting Nurse Association, Hospice and Health Services, Inc
30 Herrold Avenue
Athens, Ohio 45701
$165,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' dollars because it will improve access to healthcare for underserved rural residents in a cost effective manner. The targeted population for this project is almost exclusively covered by Medicare. By implementing Telehealth technology, the Visiting Nurse Association will have the ability to reduce Medicare expenditures and stretch Medicare resources for the greater population. The ACVNAHHS Telehealth Technology Program would introduce Telehealth services to Athens, Meigs and Hocking counties in Ohio. The Telehealth program will provide clients and nurses with 2-way communication, recording, and transmitting ability in between medical visits. The project consists of purchasing 40 interactive monitors. These devices will be used with clients whose diagnoses include congestive heart failure (CHF), cardiopulmonary disease (COPD) and diabetes.

Boardman Township Food Composting Program
Boardman Township
8299 Market Street
Boardman, OH 44512
$150,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' dollars because it will create and sustain green jobs. This environmentally self-sustaining project will take food waste from the community and transform it into compost for sale to area gardeners and farmers.

East Lincoln Way Project Sewer Separation Project
Village of Lisbon
203 North Market Street
Lisbon, OH 44432
$440,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayer funding because it will complete one of the Village's sewer separation projects. The project will help the Village remain in compliance with its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The East Lincoln Way project includes installing a new water line, installing a new sanitary sewer system, and replacing of the current pavement with new flexible pavement.

Ohio Hemlock Monitoring and Analysis Project
Ohio University, Cutler Hall
Athens, OH 45701
$200,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' dollars because it will expand the efforts of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Forest Service to prevent and manage the spread of the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) in the United States. HWA is a forest pest causing high mortality in hemlock stands in the eastern United States. With their dense canopies, hemlock forests provide unique environmental conditions and habitat. Many species of Ohio birds breed primarily in Hemlock forests. Funding for this project will be used to create a baseline understanding of Ohio's hemlock forests, particularly those that have not yet been hit by HWA. This research will result in the development of an HWA monitoring program and early-warning system. Unfortunately, the spread of this pest is difficult to detect until trees have been infected. The inevitable arrival of HWA into Ohio is likely to have devastating ecological and economic effects on the state. The Ohio University Hemlock Monitoring and Analysis Project (OhioMAP) will address a key set of environmental needs with the aim of creating federal, state and local coordination directly targeting HWA.

Water Line and ADA Restroom Facility Upgrade
Columbiana County Agricultural Society

225 Lee Avenue
Lisbon, OH 44432
$94,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' dollars because it will improve and maintain the aging fairground which is used for a number of community events throughout the year. Funding would be used to replace a water line system that is crucial to providing visitors and concessionaries with water services they need. Secondly, funding would be used to refurbish the existing restrooms to make the facilities more accessible to disabled citizens and meet ADA and Department of Health standards. Currently there are no facilities on the grounds that meet ADA criteria. Replacing the existing water lines and refurbishing the current bathroom facilities will ensure the infrastructure can sustain the grounds for years to come.

Wheathill Reservoir Roof
City of East Palestine
144 North Market Street
East Palestine, OH 44413
$375,000

The recipient believes this is a good use of taxpayers' dollars because it will ensure that the residents of East Palestine have access to safe and clean drinking water. The reservoir is the source for most of the City's drinking water. It serves 5,019 individuals living in the City of East Palestine, Ohio. Currently, the reservoir structure is comprised of an open-top basin with concrete walls and floor. The inside of the basin has a flexible bladder which contains drinking water for the community. The top of the bladder is 10 feet below the top of the concrete walls; as a result, the bladder collects rainwater on the top and the sides of the reservoir. The City is concerned that if a leak were to develop in the skin of the bladder, stagnant water would be introduced into the City's drinking water supply. Today, the pump and drainage channels which were designed to expel rainwater do not function properly and cannot be repaired. Funding for this project would be used to replace the flexible membrane reservoir cover with a permanent solid roof system.